

Chip St. Clair, Testimony



- Thank you for the opportunity to address these very important issues.
 - First of all, I'd like to share with you why these issues are so important to me, + JFC.
- My Story
 - Local / National headlines
- JFC
 - We ID + rescue ... ~~fall~~ through ...
 - Voice of the murdered children
- We do a lot of Reactive work
 - Working w/ victims of abuse / non-offending parents
- Proactively I put into place programs to help children in schools who may have faced what I did.
 - Damage Control

Let me tell you why this leg. is so important

- much more than "Punishment"

- Reprocession

It is PREVENTATIVE

Look at these stats

* 2/3 of child molesters reported sex abuse as children

* each child predator avgs. 117 victims - MOST NEVER report

* 76% of serial rapists reported sex abuse as a child.

* 67% of all sexual assaults are committed ^{only} against children

* 95% of teenage prostitutes were sex abuse

* 1 of every 8 Boys + 1 of every 6 Girls are sexually abused

- So I look out at these kids + do the math - then I speak

* I tell them my story + hope to make a difference in those #s

* Kids come up to me after + reveal the most horrific things - but at least they are talking to someone

* This is a National trend + we NEED to be the leaders

* The time has not only come for this legislation, it is far too many
Jessica Lundsfords overdue

* Let's protect our children, and stop having to name laws after them.

I'm now going to turn it over to an Advocate for JIC,

* ~~Laura Thomason~~

- a Survivor of Abuse

- She has a compelling

and heart breaking story

- But one you need to hear.

Laura Thomason